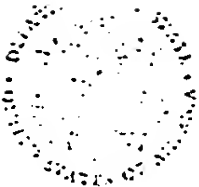


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SUBJECT: Question of PRC Participation in CCD

REF: USUN 3955, 3976, and 4016

1. As reported reftels, the question of possible participation by the PRC in the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament at Geneva (CCD) is already a topic of corridor discussion, and may be dealt with in a resolution, during the current General Assembly. Many UN members, and particularly those that are also members of the CCD, are asking about our views on this issue. We are aware that our allies and the non-aligned in the CCD would

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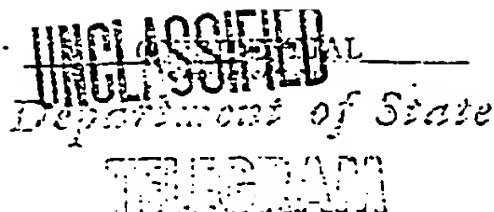
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welcome, and that some may press for, PRC membership.

2. We believe we should proceed in a cautious and low-key manner in dealing with questions and with possible initiatives by others on this matter. We should in no way appear ourselves to be exerting pressure on the PRC to join the CCD. It is important, at the same time, that we manifest a cooperative and flexible attitude and avoid giving the impression that we are determined to preserve the status quo and the present procedural arrangements of the CCD.

3. Accordingly, in response to any questions by other delegations regarding our views, USUN ^{may} should refer to the statement made by Amb Leonard at the CCD on June 29 (CCD/PV 517) when he said that "we would welcome the participation of all nuclear-weapons-states in arms control and disarmament efforts in a manner satisfactory to all

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those states and in a manner reflecting the interests and concerns as well of non-nuclear-weapons states." ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

You should indicate that we would, accordingly, welcome FRC participation in the CCD and that we are willing to consider possible organizational changes in the CCD, ^{to the} ~~and~~ to make this possible.

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~~anybody~~ You should add that we will, of course, be interested in the attitude of the PRC on this matter.

In responding to discussion, you should also indicate that
the US ~~would/would not~~ welcome the participation of

the US ~~WANTS TO PARTICIPATE~~/welcome the participation of France as well. ^{You should not go beyond that action without further discussion, and} should fully agree to the ^{most} ~~all~~ relevant developments.

4. Our CCD Rep ^{may} should also inform Sov CCD Rep of the

line we intend to take with others on this question. He
should point^{out} that we wish to be cooperative and flexible.

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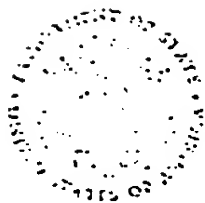
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in dealing with this issue and that we hope the USSR
will keep us informed of its views and of the line
that it will be taking with others.]

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